Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended)   A method for processing speech audio in a network connected client device comprising:

selecting a speech grammar for use in a speech recognition system in the network connected client device;

characterizing the selected speech grammar, said characterizing based upon at least a size of said selected grammar and whether real-time feedback is required in said speech recognition system; and,

based on the characterization characterizing of the selected speech grammar and a processing power of the network connected client device, determining whether to process the entire selected speech grammar locally in the network connected client device, or remotely in a speech server in the network before processing the speech audio,

whereby the entire selected grammar is processed locally in a low processing power network connected device if the selected grammar is at least one of a small size grammar and a grammar requiring real-time feedback.

2.   (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting step comprises:

establishing a communications session with a speech server; and,

querying said speech server for a speech grammar over said established communications session.

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